

APPENDIX

Amended Claims

1. (Amended) A method of compressing a textual document comprised of data elements and tag elements that impose a hierarchical structure on said data elements, said method comprising the steps of:

identifying said data elements in said document; and

compressing only said data elements in said document using a compression algorithm, wherein said document before and after the compressing step is in a given file format.

11. (Amended) A method of compressing a document, said document comprised of data elements and tag elements that impose a hierarchical structure on said data elements, said method comprising the steps of:

compressing only said data elements in said document using a compression algorithm; and

inserting an identifier of said compression algorithm in said document, wherein said document before and after the compressing step is in a given file format.

18. (Amended) A system for compressing a document, said document comprised of data elements and tag elements that impose a hierarchical structure on said data elements, said system comprising:

a memory for storing content and computer readable code; and

a processor operatively coupled to said memory, said processor configured to:

identify said data elements in said document; and
compress only said data elements in said document using a
compression algorithm, wherein said document before and after
compression is in a given file format.

19. (Amended) A system for compressing a document, said document
comprised of data elements and tag elements that impose a hierarchical
structure on said data elements, said system comprising:

a memory for storing content and computer readable code; and
a processor operatively coupled to said memory, said processor
configured to:

compress only said data elements in said document using a
compression algorithm; and

insert an identifier of said compression algorithm in said
document, wherein said document before and after compression is in a
given file format.

20. (Amended) An article of manufacture for compressing a document,
said document comprised of data elements and tag elements that impose
a hierarchical structure on said data elements, comprising:

a computer readable medium having computer readable code means
embodied thereon, said computer readable program code means
comprising:

a step to identify said data elements in said document; and

a step to compress only said data elements in said document using

a compression algorithm, wherein said document before and after compression is in a given file format.

21. (Amended) An article of manufacture for compressing a document, said document comprised of data elements and tag elements that impose a hierarchical structure on said data elements, comprising:

a computer readable medium having computer readable code means embodied thereon, said computer readable program code means comprising:

a step to compress only said data elements in said document using a compression algorithm; and

a step to insert an identifier of said compression algorithm in said document, wherein said document before and after compression is in a given file format.